

**Minutes of Selectmen's Meeting, Town of Freedom, NH 03836
Monday, March 17, 2014**

Present: Neal Boyle, Leslie Babb, Ernest Day, Jr., Selectmen; Police Chief Josh Shackford; Fire Chief Justin Brooks; Karen Hatch, Town Administrator, and several citizens.

Meeting opened at 6:30pm. Manifests were signed and general mail was reviewed.

Carol Demore announced that she would be audio taping the meeting.

Election of officers was held ó Day made a motion to nominate Babb as chairman; Boyle seconded, so voted. Day and Babb both thanked Boyle for serving the past year as chairman.

Various board member appointments were made:

Robert Smart and Margaret Scully	Heritage Commission
Scott Lees	Zoning Board of Adjustment
David Charrette, Janet Meyers and Janet Johnson	Forest Advisory Committee
Alice Custard	Conservation Commission
Susan Hoople	Conservation Commission Alternate
John Roman	Conservation Commission for March

Hatch announced that there were still several vacant seats:

2 alternates	Zoning Board of Adjustment
3 alternates	Heritage Commission
1 member	Conservation Commission

Bob Smart did call for a point of order regarding Heritage Commission alternates; he was informed that the commission had been established with 5 alternate seats.

Babb asked for public comment and Bob Smart wanted to go on the record with a compliment and statement of appreciation for the Town web site as it is now functioning.

Lee Fritz voiced her concern about the town meeting vote to have two sessions. The concern being that they be informed prior to ballot voting on Zoning Ordinance Amendments. Hatch stated that Planning Board hold public hearings on any proposed changes. Babb stated that the Selectmen would be more bound to hold an informational meeting the Saturday before Town Meeting.

Ellie Stokes also stated that Candidates Night has been used as an informational meeting it should be more for the people running for office. Stokes also asked by õpetitionö was not on the official ballot? Babb suggested she check with the Town Clerk or Moderator. She also stated that she took exception to the flyer mailed out prior to Town Meeting.

Lynn and Marcia Santner voiced a concern about the dangerous situation with school busses at Route 153 and Cushing Corner Road. Babb to speak to the appropriate parties on this.

The only department head up date was from Brooks who reported that there had been a small fire in the compactor at the Transfer Station. Someone had put wood ash in with the trash. He was able to put it out with a fire extinguisher.

Babb spoke about the ambulance contracts for area towns. He is concerned that when ours expires we could experience a significant increase. A meeting is being assembled to look into a multi town contract that could possibly include Effingham and Ossipee. This meeting would also include Madison and Tamworth who are currently part of a multi town contract with us.

The board next reviewed the sale of a Square Brook Estates lot. A letter had gone to an interested abutter; they have met the requirements and a check had been received. Babb made a motion to accept the sale of Map 41 Lot 55, Day seconded; so voted. Hatch to prepare the deed.

Next was the discussion of a letter to the School Board regarding busses on private roads. Currently we have door to door pickup of students. Babb's concern is illegally expending town's monies on private roads. He gave an example of a bus getting stuck and the town crew coming in with sand. Day did not agree, he did not want to take away what taxpayers have been already getting, Boyle agreed with Day, so letter will be sent.

Babb made a motion to enter non public session at 7:22pm under RSA 91-A:3 II(e).

Board returned to open session at 7:43pm and meeting was adjourned.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Leslie R. Babb

Neal E. Boyle

Ernest F. Day, Jr.